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Successful First Art Exhibit and Sale for Modern Greek Studies

On September 22 and 23 the *Modern Greek Studies Foundation* sponsored a special *Exhibition and Sale of Paintings by Bay Area Artists of Hellenic Ancestry.* The exhibit was held in honor of the late Bay Area artist *Theodore C. Polos.* Several of his paintings were on exhibit.

The Art Exhibit/Sale was the first of its kind to be sponsored by the Modern Greek Studies Foundation. It was a success from both a financial and cultural standpoint. And because of its success, the Art Sale/Exhibit will become a regular annual or biannual event sponsored by the Foundation to benefit Modern Greek Studies

During the Friday evening opening of the exhibit the audience heard remarks from: *Dorothea Vasil*, Chair of the event, *Caterina Vasil Peterson*, Co-Chair, artist *Georgia Katsanos*, Modern Greek Studies Foundation officers, *George M. Marcus,* Chairman of the Board, *Senator Nicholas Petris,* President, and *Dr. Peter Haikalis*, 1st Vice President and Master of Ceremonies. A presentation of a painting by honored artist Theodore Polos was made by his

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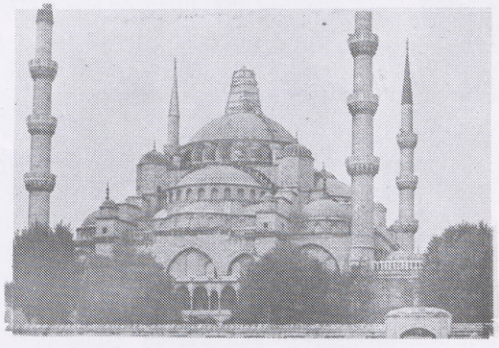
Prof. Maskaleris, Caterina Peterson, Co-Chair, & Catherine Polos, artist, with donated painting by Theodore Polos.



An Odyssey to Greece and Turkey May 12-27, 1996

Center for Modern Greek Studies Director, *Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris* is also faculty at the *Fromm Institute for Lifelong Learning* of the University of San Francisco. He has planned, at the request of his Fromm Students, a 15-day tour of Greece and Turkey beginning on May 12, 1996. The itinerary includes: Athens, Delphi, Meteora, Vergina and Pella in the Thessaloniki area, as well as Crete and Rhodes. The Turkey segment includes: Marmaris, Ephesus, Izmir, Pergamum, Troy, Canakkale (Gallipoli) and fabulous Istanbul. Prof. Maskaleris is inviting the *Friends of Modern Greek Studies* and our readers to participate in this exciting journey.

If you would like to receive detailed information about this tour, please leave your name, address and telephone number with the Center: (415) 338-1892, FAX: (415) 338-0932. **First deadline for joining: January 10, 1996.**

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wife *Catherine Polos* to the *Center for Modern Greek Studies*—accepted by Center Director *Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris.*

The participating artists were: *Avra Alexiades, Danae Anderson, Petros Antoniou, Virginia George Blight, Gracia Bovis, Helen Haris, George Kanakis, Georgia Franjeskos Katsanos, Mika Maheras, Cleo Mattis, Elaine Brandon Morshead, Tryphon Nichols, Photis Pishiaras, Lainey Pizanis, Catherine Polos, Iris Polos, Angelos Sakkis, Sofia Sideris, Thalia Stratton* and *Laura Frances Vallianos.* In all, 21 paintings were sold during both days of the Art Show and Exhibit.

Proceeds from the event support the *Center for Modern Greek Studies/Nikos Kazantzakis Chair* at *SFSU.*

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The Modern Greek Studies Foundation and the Center for Modern Greek Studies wish to thank the participating artists and all who attended the exhibit for their support.

At the Art Show: Anastasia Condas, Publications Committee Chair, Georgia Katsanos, Artist, & Dorothea Vasil, Chair.

Center Wish List...

If you would like to help the Center for Modern Greek Studies by donating any of the following items, please call us at (415) 338-1892.

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- Greek films on Video
- Old Greek-Folk Music (78's, 45's, etc.)
- Books in Greek or in English about Modern Greece

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All gifts are tax-deductible in accordance with current IRS provisions.

Karaghiozis Performance in S.F.

On Sunday January 28, 1996, *The Holy Trinity Church* will present a performance of *Greek Shadow Theater — Karaghiozis* — in Greek during its Greek Letters week celebration. The performance, in the *Holy Trinity Community Hall,* will begin approximately at 1:15 P.M. following lunch which begins at 12:30.

Karaghiozis Shadow Theater is an important part of Greek popular culture. The performance of January 28 will be led by Karaghiozis performer *Leonidas Kassapides* who grew up in Thessaloniki and learned the art of Shadow Puppetry from his grandfather.

For information and reservations for lunch and the Karaghiozis performance, call the Holy Trinity Church at (415) 584-4747.

Matching Gift Programs

Planning to make a donation to the *Modern Greek Studies Foundation*? If your company has a Matching Gifts plan, you can increase your gift in support of Modern Greek Studies. Many corporations have a policy of matching their employee's donation to non-profit organizations. If you are an employee of a large corporation, please check with your company's personnel or Employee Benefit's Office to see if they have a *Matching Gift Program.* If they do, pick up their matching gift form and send it with your personal donation to the Modern Greek Studies Foundation.

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The Hidden Splendors of Syria A Forgotten Land

Dr. Phillip Stanley, Professor of Classics at San Francisco State University has organized a 17 day tour of Syria — March 27-April 12, 1996.

This tour will trace the development of urbanism in Syria from the 4th millennium B.C. to present day Damascus through visiting sites, museums, readings, and lectures. The Itinerary includes Paris (museum visit), Damascus, Apamea, Ebla, Ugarit, Mari, Palmyra and Bosra.

For detailed information write to: *The Marduk Inst. 5980 Grizzly Peak Blvd. Piedmont, CA 94611.* e-mail: pstanley@sfsu.edu. FAX: 510-845-0749. http://userwww.sfsu.edu/~pstanley

Crete Through The Ages

Benefit for Modern Greek Studies Held Daughters of Penelope Annual Founders' Day Luncheon

The Daughters of Penelope EOS Chapter No. 1 held its Annual Founders' Day Lucheon on Saturday, November 11, 1995 at the spectacular *Gabbiano's Restaurant* in San Francisco. This year marked the 66th Anniversary of The Daughters of Penelope—the oldest Hellenic woman's association in the country.

The splendid event included a Fashion Show with *Laura Birch* as Commentator, and a Special Raffle. The proceeds from the raffle, which totaled $2,000, benefited the *Modern Greek Studies Program at San Francisco State University.*

The President of EOS, Chapter No. 1, *Katherine Rojo Del Busto* welcomed the guests. Other speakers included: *Mary Chicos,* Chair of the event, *Prof. Thanasis Maskaleris,* Director at the Center for Modern Greek Studies, SFSU, *Cleo Apostolides Mimi,* with the Founder's message, *Helen Maratsos,* EOS No. 1 Penelope of the Year, *Ceil Koplos,* National Penelope of the Year, *Christine Kockinis,* District Governor, District 21, *Joanne Saltas,* Grand Governor Zone IV and *Mary M. Verges,* Grand President Daughters of Penelope.

The Center for Modern Greek Studies and the Modern Greek Studies Foundation wish to express their gratitude to the officers and members of the *Daughters of Penelope,* with special thanks to the *EOS No. 1 Chapter,* for their generous support of our Modern Greek Studies Program.

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Tuesday 7-9:45 P.M.

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Instructor: Effie Kalafatis HUM 381
Tuesdays & Thursdays 12:35-1:50 P.M.

Classes for the Spring semester begin Monday January 29. Members of the community are encouraged to attend the above courses. For additional information, call the Center for Modern Greek Studies at (415) 338-1892.

Planned Fall 1996 Courses

Modern Greek I (Beginning)
Modern Greek III (Intermediate)
Modern Greek Literature
Modern Greek History
The Orthodox Tradition

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